

Amendment No. 2 to HB3687

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 3894

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by deleting Section 2-3-301 from Section 1 in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 2-3-301.

(a) The purpose of this part is to create a pilot project to determine whether convenient voting centers could successfully be established for local and state elections to make it convenient for voters to vote at centralized voting areas in the county in which the voter is registered irrespective of the voter's precinct.

(b) A municipality shall indicate its willingness to participate in such a pilot project by adopting a resolution by a majority vote of its legislative body and forwarding the resolution to the county election commission where the municipality is located.

(c)

(1) Following such action by the municipality, a super majority of at least four (4) of the five (5) county election commissioners must approve their willingness to participate in the pilot program if the municipality is selected by the state coordinator of elections for inclusion in the pilot program. This super majority will also be required to establish the number and locations of convenience centers in each county if the municipality is so selected. Unless four (4) out of five (5) county election commissioners vote in favor of participating in the pilot program and the number and location of the convenient voting centers, the voting precincts as described in § 2-3-103 must be utilized.

(2) Following an affirmative vote of the county election commission, the county election commission shall report to the state coordinator of elections its willingness to participate in the pilot program.

(d) The state coordinator of elections shall select one (1) or more municipalities from those counties in which the county election commission has voted in favor of participating in the convenient voting center pilot project at their municipal elections to be held in 2009.

(e) Approval by the state coordinator of elections shall be limited to one (1) county from each grand division and to three (3) additional counties which are included in a study on convenience voting that is being conducted at the University of Tennessee.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 2-3-302(a) from Section 1 and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 2-3-302.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state coordinator of elections, in collaboration with each county election commission where a municipality or municipalities have been chosen for the pilot project, shall establish a program which allows the municipality to combine precincts or polling places or establish one (1) or more convenient voting centers for the municipal election scheduled for 2009.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the language "every fifteen thousand (15,000)" from Section 2-3-303 in Section 1 and by substituting instead the language "every twenty-five thousand (25,000)".